

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Yukio Aoki

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For: CEMENTED CARBIDE MATERIAL FOR  
SURFACE COATED GEAR CUTTING TOOL  
AND SURFACE COATED GEAR CUTTING  
TOOL

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Examiner: J. A. Hevey

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated January 5, 2010, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.